

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application. In the current response, the Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 8. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in paragraph 21 of the original specification. No other claims have been canceled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,226,375 to Shaffer, *et al.* The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Shaffer discloses data from a calling station 10 are transmitted on a telephone line 14 to a central office 16. (*See* column 2, lines 46-48 and Figure 1A.) In response, the central office 16 converts a received digital error message into the proper format to be decoded by the calling station 10. (*See* column 3, lines 47-19.) In some embodiments, a new phone number is also transmitted to the caller station 10. (*See* column 4, lines 49-55.)

The telephone number to be dialed by Shaffer, however, is not extracted from the data transmitted from the calling station to the central office. Instead, the telephone number to be dialed is sent from the central office to the calling station in response to the data sent from the calling station to the central office. Thus, Shaffer does not receive calling number identification signals from a first telephone call over a circuit-switched telephone network and extract from the first telephone call a destination address for a subsequent telephone call as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 8 and independent Claim 15. As such, Shaffer does not anticipate each

and every element of amended independent Claims 1 and 8 and independent Claim 15 and Claims that depend thereon. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §102(e) rejection of Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16 and 21 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,760,324 to Scott, *et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,375 by Shaffer. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner recognizes that Scott does not teach or suggest extracting a destination address for a subsequent telephone call. To cure this deficiency, the Examiner cites Shaffer. (*See* Examiner's Action electronically delivered March 19, 2007, page 6.) As argued above, Shaffer does not teach extracting from the first telephone call a destination address for a subsequent telephone call as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 8 and independent Claim 15. Furthermore, Shaffer does not suggest the same since Shaffer is directed to detecting and responding to errors in telephone calls and is not even concerned with automatically establishing a telephone call over a computer network. As such, the cited combination of Scott and Shaffer does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness for amended independent Claims 1 and 8 and independent Claim 15 and Claims that depend thereon. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-21 and allow issuance thereof.

III. Comment on References

The Applicant reserves further review of the references cited but not relied upon if relied upon in the future.


III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Claims currently pending in this application are in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-21.

Applicant requests the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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